
Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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Update: Montana Mumps Cases

As of Wednesday, March 2nd, four cases of mumps were confirmed in Gallatin County in Belgrade Middle School and High School. Gallatin County is working closely with state public health officials and following recommendations from the CDC. Due to these confirmed cases, your clinic may experience an increased demand for the Mumps vaccine or medical evaluation. For more information about Mumps and the vaccine, visit CDC's website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/mumps/default.htm#clinical>.



VFC Corner

Monthly VFC Hot Topics Webinars

When: Every other month, last Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

[Updated Hot Topics Schedule](#)

[Archived Presentations](#)

Month	Topic
April	Vaccine Storage and Transport In this webinar, we will be reviewing resources for vaccine storage, vaccine incident reports (VIR), data logger program updates, vaccine transport, including new pack-out for electric and non-electric coolers. This will be the same presentation that will be given at all 5 regional workshops!
Tuesday April 26th 12:00 p.m.	Meeting Password: montana https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=me034acc512d5a194f911edbcdae15cc6 Audio Access Code: 802 425 588
Thursday April 28th 8:00 a.m.	Meeting Password: montana https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=mf324c6d4efc15db8910db41295e0ff2e Audio Access Code: 803 422 324

(Archived recording will be available for viewing)

June Quality Improvement 101

Reminders

Inventory Management

Please remember that all VFC Providers must download data loggers, certify cold chain in imMTrax, and reconcile vaccines **MONTHLY** even if your site doesn't need to order vaccines. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call Katie Grady-Selby at 444-1613 or e-mail kgrady@mt.gov.

2016 Immunization Schedules

The 2016 immunization schedules are now available for downloading and printing! To download and print the schedules visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>. Once the Immunization Action Coalition has their laminated

schedules available to purchase, the State Immunization Program will order the IAC laminated schedule and distribute to all VFC providers again this year.

Questions? Contact Lori Hutchinson or Katie Grady-Selby at hhsiz@mt.gov.

Vaccines In Practice

Asplenia

Here is a question and answer from the Immunization Action Coalition's *Ask the Experts*.

A 16-year-old female came to us prior to having an elective splenectomy for a congenital splenic cyst. Her primary doctor has given her PCV13, Menactra brand MCV4, and a dose of meningococcal B vaccine—all on the same day. Since PCV13 and Menactra were given on the same day, should I give her another dose of PCV13 and if so, when? She will also receive PPSV23 8 weeks after PCV13.

While it is ideal if all recommended doses are given prior to splenectomy, this schedule is acceptable, since PCV13 is being given before PPSV23 and splenectomy. The recommendation to separate PCV13 and Menactra applies only to asplenic persons. When she received the vaccines she was not asplenic.

More information on vaccination of asplenic patients:

Click for the [Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0-18 years– United States, 2016](#). Figure 1 contains lavender highlighted sections for a range of recommended ages for certain high-risk groups. The footnotes indicate the detail for the specific health conditions.

Click for the [Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule– United States, 2016](#). A separate table is included, Figure 2- Vaccines that might be indicated for adults based on medical and other indications. It contains a column titled "Asplenia" (including elective splenectomy and persistent complement component deficiencies) with vaccine recommendations and footnote references with detailed information.

Questions? Contact Susan Reeser, Nurse Consultant, sreeser@mt.gov or (406) 444-1805.

2016 Immunization Regional Workshops: Registration Now Available

- **Great Falls** - Wednesday, March 30th: Hampton Inn
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- **Missoula-** Tuesday, April 12th: DoubleTree
- **Butte/Fairmont-** Wednesday, April 13th: Fairmont Hot Springs
- **Miles City-** Wednesday, April 20th: Sleep Inn and Suites
- **Billings-** Thursday, April 21st: Billings Hotel and Convention Center

To register, please complete the online registration form no later than **March 18, 2016**. Workshop agenda and online registration can be accessed on our website or via the following links:

[Online Registration](#)

[Agenda](#)

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by Montana Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Contact hours: 6.0

Questions? Contact the Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580 or hhsiz@mt.gov.



imMTrax Announcements

imMTrax Account Inactivation Reminder

Many Montana providers include the imMTrax Access Request Form as part of their routine new hire paperwork.

Don't forget to include the imMTrax Access Deletion Form in routine employee termination paperwork!

As a reminder, it is the site's responsibility to let imMTrax staff know when a user has left employment, changed positions and will no longer need access, etc. This practice is essential to maintaining the security and accuracy of imMTrax and the data it contains.

Questions? Contact Michelle Funchess at mfunchess@mt.gov.

2016 Immunization Provider Education Series

Tips to Using the 2016 IZ Schedules and Tables

March 16, 2016 from 12-1:15pm

Presented by Candice L. Robinson, MD, MPH, CDC/NCIRD/ISD

Hosted Recording of Tips to Using the 2016 IZ Schedules and Tables

March 31, 2016 from 2-3:15pm

Montana Immunization Program staff will be available to answer questions.

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by Montana Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

1.5 contact hours, all APRN pharmacology related

Immunizations: Building Trust During the Time of Twitter

May 25, 2016 from 12-1:00pm

Presented by Wendy Sue Swanson, MD, MBE, FAAP

Hosted Recording of Immunizations: Building Trust During the Time of Twitter

May 26, 2016 from 12-1:00pm

Montana Immunization Staff will be available to answer questions.

Click [HERE](#) for webinar login information and additional details about the webinar series.

Questions? Contact the Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580 or hhsiz@mt.gov.

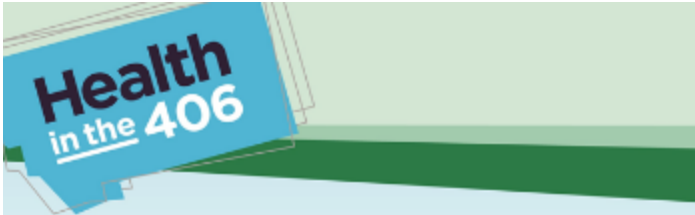


National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW): is quickly approaching!

NIIW is an annual observance to raise awareness and highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases.

It's not too early to start planning an activity at your clinic. Click [HERE](#) to learn ways your clinic can participate.

Check it out!



The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) introduced a new series of health messages called **Health in the 406** that will focus on various public health topics designed to raise awareness and help Montanas live healthier lives. These messages provide Montanas the opportunity to stay informed about the health issues that impact their daily lives.

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